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Nominations to the Mettupalaiyam Union Board.

*283 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when nominations were made among the members of the different Minority communities last to the Mettupalaiyam union board by the president of the Coimbatore taluk board;

(b) whether any member of the depressed classes was nominated to this union board;

(c) if so, what is his name; and

(d) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a), (b) and (c), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) 28th April 1925, 6th May 1925 and 14th May 1925.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) M.R.Ry. B. Raghavalu Reddi Garu who is said to be an Adi-Dravida.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"With reference to clause (c), may I know whether the Government are aware that after this nomination of an Adi-Dravida to the Mettupalaiyam Union, meetings were held in the verandah of the union office and in those meetings while the members of the other classes were given good seats the member of the depressed classes was given only a low stool?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"The question does not arise out of the answer given."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—"Will the hon. Member kindly cause an enquiry to be made?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"The request will be considered, Sir."

Nomination to a vacant seat in Dharmapuri taluk board.

*284 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that one nominated member to the Dharmapuri taluk board, Salem district, M.R.Ry. Thirthamurthi Gounder, has already resigned his seat;

(b) whether one Munia Maistri, Adi-Dravida candidate of Mukanoor village, Dharmapuri taluk, has already applied to the president of the Salem district board expressing his willingness to serve on the taluk board on behalf of the depressed classes;

(c) whether the seat fallen vacant has already been filled up by nominating any candidate;

(d) if so, the name of the candidate and whether he is a member of the depressed classes; and

(e) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (d), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) No one named M.R.Ry. Thirthamurthi Gounder has resigned a seat on the board. There was no member of that name. There is one Mr. Thirthagiri Gounder now on the board.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.